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To Whom Ever It May Concern;

I am an XM-Radio subscriber. I use the traffic and weather broadcasts when I travel through the cities that XM offers this service. I know what channel the information for Weather and Traffic is located on XM. It is dedicated to this service and this service only on these channels. On AM and FM stations they do not provide 24 hour all weather and traffic. They mix in music, and local news that does not mean any thing to me, as I am not interested in this information. All I want is traffic and weather, nothing more, nothing less. If I want music, commercial free, I listen to one of the XM music channels. AM and FM stations over the past 10 years have degraded to filth, bad music, and only weather and traffic when they feel it necessary to provide it. I do not know of any AM or FM stations that are 100% all traffic and/or weather. Even if they did provide this service, how would I as a traveler know what frequency they were on. Please note, that the NAB represents the Television stations. I can not watch TV while driving down the road. Therefore, this portion of the NAB actually should be excluded from the quesitons.

In November 2003, February and April 2004 I used XM Radio to follow the weather as we traveled from Amarillo Texas to St. Louis Missouri to Cleveland Ohio and return, over a 10 day period on each trip. The last trip, we listened to the Traffic Channel, and found out that traffic was backed up in St. Louis Missouri on I70 and I270 due to major accidents. We took another route off of I44 to our Hotel for the night and bypassed the traffic. The same thing happened on the bridge coming into St. Louis Missouri on I70 on the Illinois and Missouri line Bridge. We took a different route and missed the wreck and 5PM Traffic.

This service is only provided by XM Radio, and the NAB is mad that they did not think of it first, or that their members do not provide 24hr coverage like XM does.

I say that the NAB has not grounds to stand on on this Petition 04-160. Therefore, in the interest of safety, and to abide with my freedoms provided by the U. S. Constitution.

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